

District Judge Edward J. Lodge



Judge Edward J. Lodge began his distinguished judicial career in 1963 and is now one of Idaho's longest serving judges when his state and federal judicial service is combined. Judge Lodge was sworn in as a licensed attorney in 1962. He began his public service as a judge when he was selected to serve as a Probate Judge in 1963. Two years later, he was appointed by the Governor as the youngest state District Court Judge in Idaho. He served as District and Administrative Judge for the Third Judicial District of Idaho for nearly 23 years. In January of 1988, he was chosen to be a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Idaho.

In 1989, he was nominated by President George H. Bush to serve as a United States District Judge for the District of Idaho. Judge Lodge's nomination was confirmed and he began his tenure as a United States District Judge on December 1, 1989. Judge Lodge served as the Chief Judge for the District of Idaho from 1992 -1999. He was selected to serve on the Ninth Circuit Judicial Council and was elected as Chair of the Conference of Chief District Judges.